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SUBJ: MASSACHUSETTS YOUTH WIND ENSEMBLE TOURING PRIVATELY

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POST HAS BEEN IN DIRECT CORRESPONDENCE WITH BATTISTI SINCE OCT. 1976, CONCERNING HIS PLANNED APRIL TOUR OF EUROPE. HE WAS INFORMED ON NOV. 19, 1975, IN A LETTER FROM CAO THAT POST COULD NOT SPONSOR A CONCERT, HOWEVER, THAT WE HAD REFERRED HIS OFFER TO SEVERAL LOCAL AGENTS AND ADVISED HIS TO CONTACT KOUTNY OF THE COUNCIL OF INTERCULTURAL RELATIONS DIRECTLY. IN JANUARY, AGAIN AT BATTISTI'S REQUEST, THE AMBASSADOR SENT LETTERS RECOMMENDING THE GROUP TO THE HUNGARIAN AND AUSTRIAN AMBASSADORS TO THE US IN HOPE THAT CONCERT TOUR MIGHT BE ARRANGED THROUGH THIS CHANNEL. ON FEB. 17, 1976, POST RECEIVED ANOTHER LETTER FROM BATTISTI (DATED FEB. 6) DEMANDING A CONCERT ON APRIL 17, 1976 IN VIENNA. POST RESPONDED ON SAME DAY, REFERRING TO PRVIOUS CORRESPONDENCE AND EXPLAINING THAT PRIVATE AGENTS (WHOM WE HAD AGAIN CONTACTED) WERE NOT INTERESTED AS APRIL 17 IS EASTER SATURDAY AND NOT AN APPROPRIATE DATE.

REQUEST DEPARTMENT ADVISE BATTISTI THAT POST HAS GONE TO GREAT LENGTHS TO TRY TO ARRANGE CONCERT FOR MYWE BECAUSE OF GROUP'S EXCELLENCE.

POST CONTACTED PAUL KOUTNY AS REQUESTED. HE WILL TRY ARRANGE CONCERT APRIL 17, IF SUCCESSFUL HE WILL CONTACT BATTISTI DIRECTLY. HOWEVER BECAUSE OF GROUPS INSISTANCE ON EASTER WEEKEND (APRIL 16-18) CONCERT UNLIKELY.BARDOS

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